

Arizona Comprehensive Coalition

Disparities Committee Meeting

May 22, 2007

In attendance: Zeenat Mahal, Jesse Nodora, Nate Smith, Sharon Jaycox, Naomi Lane, Kenton Laffoon, Jessica Han, Jean Robert Jeoffroy, Kendra Sabol, Yen Nguyen, Tim Flood, Maria Tirado.

Apologies: Veronica Perez, Teresa Ewell, Luis Gendreau, Hong Chartrand

I.

Review Strategy Development Worksheet

- Maria discussed timelines and overall purpose of worksheet. Need to identify who is interested in this kind of data and consider providing information on evidence based programs. Need to address needs of different groups and provide information about adapting evidence based programs while maintaining fidelity. Colorado Comprehensive Cancer Coalition provided data and technical assistance funds to regions we can ask Colorado for feedback to see how things developed.
- Jesse suggested we change activity 3a from “conduct research regarding Arizona cancer disparities” to “develop a policy report regarding Arizona cancer disparities”. He was concerned we will only develop strategies and leave it at that. He wanted to ensure that we get the information to key players and provide them with guidance after they received the data.
- Maria reiterated that she understand this concern but to remember that right now we are looking at this year and what we can do for 2007. Veronica’s workgroup is looking at strategy development and will probably look at what will be the next step after we provide the data.

II.

Workgroup Updates

Data and Matrix Development

- Group based upon matrix that Tim Flood developed for SAICN. This workgroup will focus on data and information that cancer prevention control practitioners need.
- Jesse discussed the Public Health Disparity Geo Coding Project. Has been established but not very good data sources beyond census. Data on Cancer Rate is coded geographically. Gave info to Tim to see if we can do the same thing here in AZ.

- Jesse is collecting and summarizing national level data such as the 2006 National Health Care Disparity report- most current. States are producing their own and we are looking to do this.
- Will need to discuss how the data will be packaged. Tim and Jesse will decide and distribute info to committee to decide if data collected is what we want. Jesse is opened to ideas please contact him with your suggestions.
- Maria asked if it is realistic to develop, before the end of the year, a matrix for African American and Hispanics. Tim reiterated that he is ready to work with Jessica on the matrix for the African American population. He would like assistance in identifying the “decision makers” in the community to determine what would be helpful for dissemination.
- Sharon suggested that faith based organizations are good start in finding community leaders. Other organizations such as Black Nurses, Black Cardiologist.
- Sharon and Jean Robert suggested inviting African American community leaders in first to get their input. Jean Robert stated that this will help us develop dialogue for Strategy Development.
- Maria will find information about health ministries in African American churches and try to identify who might be interested in the data.
- Tim stated that the data piece will provide education to see if there is a problem in the community and if so, the logical choices that can be used to address the problems.

Identification of Practitioners

- Maria has collected a list of 250 names with some of their contact information. She will be working on verifying and updating information.
- Nancy Johnson sent a useful list from the Arizona Association of Community Health Centers with the names and contact information of directors and medical directors, this information has been included in the list. Sharon provided a list on non Maricopa and non Pima counties CCC members. Becky Howard from the Diagnosis and Treatment Committee also provided a copy of their resource directory.
- The Intercultural Cancer Council and the Arizona Health Disparities Program at ADHS are working on directories as well; Maria will contact them to see how we can collaborate to make sure the lists are as comprehensive as possible.

- Need to include Tribal contacts to the list. Maria asked if ITCA could provide the names and contact information of people who would be interested in receiving the data provided in the American Indian matrix.
- Yen offered information regarding the upcoming Asian Pacific Community in Action conference. The conference will be held at the Black Canyon Conference Center on June 28th.

Strategy Development

- Maria mentioned that Veronica is working on this with Kendra and Kim Fielding. Workgroup will be looking at ways of disseminating the information collected by the Data and Matrix Development workgroup as well as look at how the committee can assist communities after the data has been provided. One consideration is to engage community leaders and cancer control practitioners after the data has been provided to get their input as to what they need to begin to address these issues in their communities.
- Jean Robert suggested that we need to identify community leaders from the different group and invite them to be part of the development of the strategic plan.

III.

Next Steps

Data and Matrix Development

Tim and Jesse would like feedback on how to package the data, need to determine structure for data, some possibilities are:

Geo-structure	Priority Grouping	National
Counties	Ethnic	State
Faith-based	Rural	Community
	Socioeconomic	
	Racial	

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Maria would like to remind all committee members to send her contact information of people who would be interested in receiving disparities data.

Strategy Development

Please contact Veronica if you would like to assist this workgroup in the development of dissemination strategies.

IV.

Closing and Next meeting

- Jesse suggested that a social gathering would be beneficial for all committee members, not just chairs so that everyone can find out about other committees' success and challenges to date. All members should know where we are and where we are going. A social gather located in 3 regional areas will accommodate everyone.
- Tim suggested that we invite Patrice Caldwell to a future disparities committee meeting, Patricia works for the ADHS Deputy Director and is interested in working with this committee. Sharon will arrange a meeting with Ms. Caldwell, Sharon, Tim, and Kendra.
- Dr. Linda Larkey is working on a story telling project to help promote cancer awareness. If you would like more information or would like to participate in this project contact her.

Next meeting CCC Disparities Committee Meeting

July 19, 2007

9:30-12:00

Location to be announced